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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 September 2008.
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 19 September 2008 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-8508)
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6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 09/19/2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that Masaharu doesn't teach a play list and a controlling means for transferring audio data to another recording medium. However, on para [0005] Masaharu teaches a play list that he calls favorite list file and also a transfer command for these list files to be transferred to another medium. As it is claimed in claim 1, the controlling means transfers audio data contained in the first sets that contain audio data described in the second set. Masaharu and applicant's admitted prior art teach the same thing that is being claimed. Therefore, applicant's argument is not persuasive and the previous claim rejections are repeated herein.

Double Patenting

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with this application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement.

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

1. Claims 1, 3 and 4 provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory double patenting over claim 1 of copending Application No. 10/519,833. This is a provisional double patenting rejection since the conflicting claims have not yet been patented.

The subject matter claimed in the instant application is fully disclosed in the referenced copending application and would be covered by any patent granted on that copending application since the referenced copending application and the instant application are claiming common subject matter, as follows:

Current Application	Copending Application – 10/519,833
1. A data transferring system for transferring audio data between a first recording medium and a second recording medium, a plurality of first sets each of which is composed of at least one entity of audio data having been recorded on the first recording medium, the data transferring system comprising: a second set that describes the reproduction order of audio data contained in at least one first set and recorded in the first recording medium and that describes pointers to entities of audio data contained in each of the first sets; and a controlling portion for transferring all entities of audio data contained in the first sets that contain audio data described in the second set from the first recording medium to the second recording medium when audio data described in the second set are transferred to the second recording medium.	1. <u>A content data transferring system for transferring content data selected from a first recording medium on which a plurality of content data have been recorded to a second recording medium</u> , the content data transferring system comprising: a recording and reproducing apparatus for reproducing various types of recording medium identification information unique to the second recording medium and recording content data transferred from the first recording medium to the second recording medium; first set creating means for creating a first set, the first set being used to correlate the recording medium identification information with a second set, the second set being used to categorize the content data recorded on the first

	<p>recording medium in accordance with a predetermined rule; second set creating means for creating the second set correlated with the first set; <u>reproduction control information creating means for creating reproduction control information about the content data with the second set</u>; and <u>content transfer controlling means for transferring content data recorded on the first recording medium to the second recording medium so as to record the content data onto the second recording medium in accordance with the reproduction control information created in accordance with the recording medium identification information about the second recording medium</u>, the recording medium identification information being reproduced by the recording and reproducing apparatus.</p>
<p>3. The data transferring system according to claim 1, wherein the second recording medium has identification information unique thereto.</p>	<p>1. A content data transferring system for transferring content data selected from a first recording medium on which a plurality of content data have been recorded to a second recording medium, the content data transferring system comprising: <u>a recording and reproducing apparatus for reproducing various types of recording medium identification information unique to the second recording medium and recording content data transferred from the first recording medium to the second recording medium</u>; first set creating means for creating a first set, the first set being</p>

	<p>used to correlate the recording medium identification information with a second set, the second set being used to categorize the content data recorded on the first recording medium in accordance with a predetermined rule; second set creating means for creating the second set correlated with the first set; reproduction control information creating means for creating reproduction control information about the content data with the second set; and content transfer controlling means for transferring content data recorded on the first recording medium to the second recording medium so as to record the content data onto the second recording medium in accordance with the reproduction control information created in accordance with the recording medium identification information about the second recording medium, the recording medium identification information being reproduced by the recording and reproducing apparatus.</p>
<p>4. The data transferring system according to claim 3, wherein the identification information unique to each recording medium is correlated with the first sets.</p>	<p>1. A content data transferring system for transferring content data selected from a first recording medium on which a plurality of content data have been recorded to a second recording medium, the content data transferring system comprising: <u>a recording and reproducing apparatus for reproducing various types of recording medium identification information unique to the second recording medium and</u></p>

	<p><u>recording content data transferred from the first recording medium to the second recording medium; first set creating means for creating a first set, the first set being used to correlate the recording medium identification information with a second set, the second set being used to categorize the content data recorded on the first recording medium in accordance with a predetermined rule; second set creating means for creating the second set correlated with the first set; reproduction control information creating means for creating reproduction control information about the content data with the second set; and content transfer controlling means for transferring content data recorded on the first recording medium to the second recording medium so as to record the content data onto the second recording medium in accordance with the reproduction control information created in accordance with the recording medium identification information about the second recording medium, the recording medium identification information being reproduced by the recording and reproducing apparatus.</u></p>
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Regarding claim 1, 3 and 4 the first set of audio data and second set of audio data is similar to what has been claimed in the copending application – 10/519,833. The reproduction order and pointers in the second set are obvious variants of

identification information and predetermined rule in the copending application. They are both used to identify tracks in album and point to the right playlist.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

4. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Masaharu JP 2003-029795 A and applicant's admitted prior art of Figs. 1-3.

Re claim 1, Masaharu teaches a data transferring system for transferring audio data between a first recording medium and a second recording medium (system which can transmit a music content from digital filing apparatus to digital player apparatus, para [0001]), a plurality of first sets defining albums, each of which includes at least one track of audio data having been recorded on the first recording medium (two or more musical pieces to a digital memory player from a personal computer, para [0002]), and a

controlling portion for transferring all tracks of audio data contained in the first sets that contain audio data described in the second set from the first recording medium to the second recording medium when audio data described in the second set are transferred to the second recording medium (the user needs to advance selection of a musical piece, and transmission, caring about the data volume of the musical piece used as a transmission plug until the memory of a digital memory player fills, para [0002]) but Masaharu fails to teach the data transferring system comprising: a second set that describes the reproduction order of audio data contained in at least one first set and recorded in the first recording medium and that describes pointers to entities of audio data contained in each of the first sets. However, applicant uses Figs. 1-3 to show reproduction order and pointers to entities of audio data which is well known in the art. (see Figs. 1-3). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the known method of applying pointers and keeping the reproduction order while transferring data from a personal computer to another recording and reproducing apparatus. The modification would have been obvious because of the benefit of link pointers in the playlist while transferring data from personal computer to a recording and reproducing apparatus.

Re claim 2, Masaharu teaches the data transferring system according to claim 1, wherein the second recording medium is a detachable disc-shaped recording medium (desorbed type memory of digital player, para [0009]).

Re claim 3, Masaharu teaches the data transferring system according to claim 1, wherein the second recording medium has identification information unique thereto (identification data of a desorbed type memory of digital player apparatus, para [0009]).

Re claim 4, Masaharu teaches the data transferring system according to claim 3, wherein the identification information unique to each recording medium is correlated with the first sets (identification data of a desorbed type memory of digital player apparatus, and a batch transmission means, it is judged whether capacity data and identification data which are contained in a selected favorite list file are in agreement with capacity data of a desorbed type memory of digital player apparatus and identification data, para [0009]).

Re claim 5, Masaharu teaches a data transferring method for transferring audio data between a first recording medium and a second recording medium (system which can transmit a music content from digital filing apparatus to digital player apparatus, para [0001]), a plurality of first sets defining albums, each of which includes at least one track of audio data having been recorded on the first recording medium (two or more musical pieces to a digital memory player from a personal computer, para [0002]), the method comprising: receiving a command operable to transfer audio data described in a second set from the first recording medium to the second recording medium, the second set defining a play list and describing the reproduction order of audio data contained in at least one first set and recorded in the first recording medium and that describes pointers to tracks of audio data contained in each of the first sets; searching first sets that contain audio data described in the second set; and transferring tracks of audio

data described in the second set from the first recording medium to the second recording medium and transferring all tracks of audio data contained in the first sets that contain audio data that are transferred from the first recording medium to the second recording medium (the user needs to advance selection of a musical piece, and transmission, caring about the data volume of the musical piece used as a transmission plug until the memory of a digital memory player fills, para [0002]).

Re claim 6, Masaharu teaches the data transferring method according to claim 5, wherein the second recording medium has identification information unique thereto (identification data of a desorbed type memory of digital player apparatus, para [0009]).

Re claim 7, Masaharu teaches the data transferring method according to claim 6, wherein the identification information unique to each recording medium is correlated with the first sets (identification data of a desorbed type memory of digital player apparatus, and a batch transmission means, it is judged whether capacity data and identification data which are contained in a selected favorite list file are in agreement with capacity data of a desorbed type memory of digital player apparatus and identification data, para [0009]).

Re claim 8, Masaharu teaches a data transferring program for transferring audio data between a first recording medium and a second recording medium (system which can transmit a music content from digital filing apparatus to digital player apparatus, para [0001]), a plurality of first sets defining albums, each of which includes at least one tracks of audio data having been recorded on the first recording medium (two or more

musical pieces to a digital memory player from a personal computer, para [0002]), comprising: receiving a command operable to transfer audio data described in a second set from the first recording medium to the second recording medium, the second set defining a play list and describing the reproduction order of audio data contained in at least one first set and recorded in the first recording medium and that describes pointers to tracks of audio data contained in each of the first sets; searching first sets that contain audio data described in the second set; and transferring tracks of audio data described in the second set from the first recording medium to the second recording medium and transferring all tracks of audio data contained in the first sets that contain audio data that are transferred from the first recording medium to the second recording medium (the user needs to advance selection of a musical piece, and transmission, caring about the data volume of the musical piece used as a transmission plug until the memory of a digital memory player fills, para [0002]).

Re claim 9, Masaharu teaches the data transferring program according to claim 8, wherein the second recording medium has identification information unique thereto (identification data of a desorbed type memory of digital player apparatus, para [0009]).

Re claim 10, Masaharu teaches the data transferring program according to claim 8, wherein the identification information unique to each recording medium is correlated with the first sets (identification data of a desorbed type memory of digital player apparatus, and a batch transmission means, it is judged whether capacity data and identification data which are contained in a selected favorite list file are in agreement

with capacity data of a desorbed type memory of digital player apparatus and identification data, para [0009]).

Conclusion

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Contact

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HENOK G. HEYI whose telephone number is (571)270-1816. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday 8:30 to 5:00 EST.

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